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Energy and Environment Cabinet selects Abandoned Mine Inspector as Commissioner of Department for Natural Resources

***Hohmann to lead agency responsible for mining, forestry and conservation
programs***

FRANKFORT, Ky. (Jan. 12, 2012) – Kentucky Energy and Environment Cabinet Secretary Len Peters today appointed Steve Hohmann as commissioner for the Department for Natural Resources (DNR). Hohmann has served as the director of the department's Abandoned Mine Lands program since 1995. The appointment is effective Jan. 16, 2012.

"Steve's many years of experience in both management and programmatic areas will be invaluable to us as we tackle shrinking budgets combined with increasing federal mandates," said Sec. Peters. "He has been an effective, respected leader of the abandoned mine lands program, ensuring that the citizens of Kentucky's coal fields receive the necessary attention and protection from potentially unsafe pre-law mine sites."

Hohmann began his career in state government in 1985 as a mine reclamation inspector. He then served as a mining section supervisor and as director of the Division of Field Services before being named as the director of the Division of Abandoned Mine Lands. He has twice served as president of the National Association of Abandoned Mine Land Programs and currently serves as the association's representative on the federal Office of Surface Mining's Steering Committee for the National Technical Training Program. He is a 1988 graduate of Morehead State University, where he earned a bachelor's degree in political science.

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